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A SET OF INSTRUMENTS FOR IMPLANTING A KNEE PROSTHESIS

5 The assembly comprises a first instrument (10) for
distracting the knee and comprising firstly two branches
 (13, 14) movable relative to each other and provided at
 their distal ends respectively with means (26) for
 pressing against the tibia and means (28) for pressing
10 against the femur, and secondly means (16) for moving the
 distal ends of the branches mutually apart. The
 distraction instrument (10) further comprises a device
 (12) for acting on the medial side and on the lateral
 side of the femur to locate the positions where at least
15 one pair of extramedullary pins are to be implanted in
 respective directions lying in a common plane
 substantially parallel to a plane tibial bearing surface
 defined by the means (26) for bearing against the tibia,
 said plane being situated at an adjustable distance from
20 said tibial bearing surface. The invention is applicable
 to implanting a knee prosthesis, in particular a
 prosthesis including a moving plate.

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